

Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee (SFLOAC) Meeting

Friday, October 12th 2007, 9:00-3:00

Meeting Attendees: Mary McDonald, Dennis Dart, Chase Davis (via phone), Phil Hess, Mark Hicks, Ken Miller, Maurice Williamson, Sally Butts, Jeff Galleher, Marc Engel, Dave Whipple, Jeffrey Thomas

Dennis gave the group a review of the Forest Practices Board Retreat. They seemed to respond well to our letter and request for economic study of the impact of proposed rules. They do want more information and specifics as to what we're looking for exactly. Maurice and Dennis emphasized that we need good baseline data to compare new studies to. Ken brought up the fact that economic impact is often judged by how loud landowners squeal. Sally noted that science seems to take the spotlight and economic concerns are often overlooked and under-addressed, and that maybe we could work out some kind of agreement similar to CMER's contract with the University of Washington to do research. Mary will read over the notes of the board meeting for specific comments and bring them back to the group. Mark suggested that we ask for time at the next policy meeting to present a more detailed idea of what we are looking for.

The three questions were presented in the ongoing discussion on the stream temperature modeling study. Ken Miller brought some suggested answers and Mary McDonald was asked to draft answers incorporating them and items brought up in discussion.

The eastside imminent mortality template topic was revisited (the decision has been made to rename it, but that name has yet to be determined). Everyone ordered their copies of comments from the UCUTS based on date. Dennis and Phil made the point that what we are trying to do is create criteria that everyone can agree on in order to identify stands in an RMZ that have lost function and qualify for an alternate plan. The other question was raised as to why it was originally intended to be a two year trial. It was remembered that we had wanted to perfect it before it went before the Board.

Chase Davis will go through the comments submitted and look for specific comments we can use and bring them to the November meeting. Marc Engel will also go through the comments and try to add some more "meat" to the draft before the next meeting.

The next meeting is November 2nd at 9:00am and will be in Ellensburg at the DNR work center.